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Steven Temperino is sworn in by Commissioner of Safety John J. Barthelmes as Assistant Director of the N.H. Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

TEMPERINO JOINS HSEM AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management officially has a new assistant director. Former Plymouth Police Chief Steven Temperino was sworn in by Commissioner of Safety John J. Barthelmes on Feb. 23. Temperino replaces Kathryn E. Doult, who temporarily remains with HSEM as a part-time administrator. Director Temperino was nominated to the post by Gov. John H. Lynch and was unanimously confirmed by the Executive Council on Jan. 25. He served with the Plymouth Police Department for 25 years, including the last five years as chief. He holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of New Hampshire and a B.A. from Plymouth State College. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Director Temperino is a Marine Corps veteran of the Gulf War.

As HSEM Assistant Director, Temperino will be responsible for most of the agency's day-to-day functions, assisting Director Christopher M. Pope. He will serve as EOC director during activations of the State Emergency Operations Center during disasters.

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION – A new project to improve New Hampshire's public safety communications infrastructure is underway. NHSafeNet is a wireless microwave broadband network that will improve the communications efficiency and emergency readiness of state and local public safety agencies. It is a cooperative effort involving the departments of Safety, Transportation and Resources and Economic Development, the N.H. National Guard and the University of New Hampshire. A contractor for the project, Green Mountain Communications, recently completed work on facilities atop Mt. Kearsarge, Moose Mountain, Tenney Mountain and Highland Hill. When the project is completed in early 2013, it will include 20 site installations and links to microwave networks in Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont.

VERMONT APPEALS VY DECISION – Vermont's attorney general is appealing a federal judge's ruling that the state cannot order the shutdown of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. In January, U.S. District Court Judge J. Garvan Murtha ruled that Vermont laws giving the state Legislature the power to block the plant's continued operation were superseded by federal law. Judge Murtha ruled that the legislative intent behind Acts 74 and 160, showed that lawmakers were primarily concerned about the safety of nuclear plants, an area that is the purview of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Vermont Attorney General William Sorrell said there were nine specific sections of the judge's ruling that are being appealed. The appeal has the support of Gov. Peter Shumlin, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders and House Speaker Shap Smith.

The NRC has already granted Vermont Yankee a 20-year extension of its operating license.

FEMA FIELD OFFICE STIMULATES CONCORD ECONOMY – Federal disaster aid is expected to help jumpstart the economies of communities stricken by floods, hurricanes or tornados. But the presence of FEMA personnel and their operations can have a similar effect. FEMA established a Joint Field Office (JFO) in Concord to coordinate with the state in providing aid to communities and individuals who suffered losses in several floods in 2011, caused by heavy rain and Tropical Storm Irene. The JFO closed its doors on Feb. 24 after six months in operation.

During that time FEMA staffing averaged 74 people, all of whom were housed and supported in the Concord area. FEMA estimates the total economic impact on the Capital Region at more than \$12 million, based on a multiplier effect of \$5 of economic impact for every \$1 of actual spending. That is roughly the equivalent of having a small business start operations in the community. In addition, FEMA Public Assistance and Individual Assistance Grants in storm-damaged communities in New Hampshire have, thus far, totaled more than \$19 million.

NATIONAL CYBER EXERCISE PLANNED - A National Level Exercise (NLE 2012), planned for this spring, will focus on a significant cyber incident. FEMA Region 1 and the New England states will be participating. NLE 2012 is the annual White House-directed exercise which is mandated by Congress and coordinated by FEMA's National Exercise Division. The exercise is designed to examine the nation's ability to implement prevention, preparedness, response and recovery plans and capabilities to a series of separate, but related, events linked by a core cyber scenario. HSEM, the N.H. Information and Analysis Center, N.H. National Guard and the N.H. Department of Information Technology plan to participate in the Regional Information Sharing Tabletop (discussion-based) Exercise and the Capstone Functional (operations-based) Exercise.

NEW HEARTSAFE COMMUNITIES ANNOUNCED – Fourteen New Hampshire cities and towns have become HeartSafe Communities. The designation shows that they have improved their cardiac response capabilities by increasing the number of people trained in CPR, expanding the availability of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and taking other measures. The communities are: Chester, Concord, Goffstown, Henniker, Hudson, Keene, Lancaster, Lincoln, Peterborough, Portsmouth, Rochester, Swanzey, Walpole, and Woodstock. At a State House ceremony on Feb. 17, representatives of the communities received HeartSafe street signs, as well as congratulations and thanks from Governor John H. Lynch and Commissioner of Safety John J. Barthelmes.

HeartSafe is a joint project of the American Heart Association, the Department of Safety, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and the Department of Health and Human Services.



Twenty-three days until spring.

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